

Answer to Mrs. Adams's

1st. Question.

Continued from page 6

us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, what was I, that I could withstand God?

When they heard these things they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." Acts 11-15 16-17-18.

Here is Peter's rehearsal of the transaction and the occurrence: And in the very transaction and occurrence, Peter spoke to those Gentiles and said:

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed, were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter

Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days." (Acts 10-43 to 48)

Much in a name; They believed on the name of Christ. Which name?

And we see that when the 'Holy Ghost' fell on the Gentiles that those of the circumcision who had went with Peter, was very much astonished. Now when this occurred Peter seemed somewhat astonished also. And said "who can forbid water, seeing that they have received the gift of the Holy Ghost as well as we." To the Gentiles the gift of the "Holy Ghost" was given first, and then the baptism of water.

But different to the Israelites as we have shown. The Israelites had to be baptized with water first and then they was to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The Gentiles received the gift of the Holy Ghost and then was baptized with water. At this time of the history of the Gentile race we receive the gift of the "Holy Ghost. When we do just what Christ commanded us to do, and that is this.

"I Beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God," Rom. 12-1-2

Yes we must bring our bodies a living sacrifice, and then bring every thought into subjection unto the obedience of Christ. And then Paul said.

"Moreover, brethren I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received and wherein ye stand;

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you unless ye have believed in vain." 1 Cor. 15-1-2

For he says again.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Rom. 1-16.

And then confirms this by saying.

"But if our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ who is the image of God should shine unto them."

2 Cor. 4-3-4.

At any time we obey the gospel in bringing our bodies a living sacrifice, God will shed abroad in our hearts his love by the power of the "Holy Ghost" which is the baptism of the "Holy

ghost" We are confident that sister Adams will see when we are baptised with the "Holy Ghost" So we beg Gods blessings on the desires of our heart.

Is Masonry What it should be today.

Masonry has been and should be today one of the most sublime and perfect institutions. That has ever or that do exist as an organized body for the advancement and the establishment of perfect happiness to the human family. Creating, in all its varieties, universal benevolence and brotherly love. It should never forget to hold out, allurements so captivating as to inspire the brotherhood with emulation to deeds of honor and glory, such as must command, throughout the world, veneration and applause, and such as must entitle those who perform them to dignity and respect. It should teach us those useful, wise, and instructive doctrines taught once by a bleeding Christ. Upon which alone true happiness is formed; and at the same time affords those easy paths, by which we attain, the rewards of virtue; its principles teach us the duties we owe to our neighbors, never to injure them, in any one particular in life.

It teaches us to conduct ourselves in the line of justice, and to use no impartiality; And to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. It does order us to keep true to our trust. And in all our vacations of life, and to perform religiously that which a brother ought to do. While we can only look upon the sunbeams which shines from those who are Masons in real, and lend a helping hand to make the blue sky clear there will yet dark clouds arise over the minds of men by the acts and deeds of them who should be Masons in deed and in truth. But belong to the class of mind suckers. And have nothing but selfish principles at heart shame is it not?